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C O N F I D E N T I A L PORT LOUIS 0450

E. O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: MAURITIAN PURCHASES CHINESE RICE CREATE RUPEES FOR
PRC AIRPORT PROJECT HERE

1. FONMIN DUVAL, WHO SCHEDULED VISIT CHINA MAY 23 - JUNE 10
(PORT LOUIS A-100), TOLD AMB MAY 10 INITIAL LOCAL CURRENCY FOR PRC
AIRPORT PROJECT HERE NO LONGER PROBLEM. GOM HAS ARRANGED MEET
LARGE PORTION ITS RICE IMPORT NEEDS BY PURCHASE CHINESE RICE.
DUVAL ESTIMATED LOCAL
CURRENCY THUS GENERATED MIGHT BE SUFFICIENT COVER LOCAL CURRENCY
EXPENDITURES AIRPORT PROJECT FOR FIRST TWO YEARS OF SCHEME.

2. COMMENT: MAURITIAN INTERESTS IN CHINESE RICE WAS FORECAST
(PORT LOUIS 117 FEB 8). WHILE MAURITIANS AT ONE TIME ACTIVELY
INTERESTED PURCHASING U. S. RICE (STATE 061608 - NOTAL) INTEREST
EVAPORATED EARLY APRIL. SINCE GOM HAD ARRANGED 3.6 MILLION CCC
EXPORT CREDIT AND WAS SEEKING PURCHASE 10-20 THOUSAND METRIC
TONS, WE ASSUME WORLD MARKET VALUE CHINESE RICE SHIPMENTS HERE
APPROXIMATELY \$3.5-4 MILLION (SOME ONE-
EIGHTH TOTAL PRC LINE OF CREDIT). PRC PRICE TO MAURITIANS QUITE
LIKELY TO HAVE BEEN HIGHER.

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